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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION 114

1. CEASEFIRE. ISRAELI MAJ GEN YARIV AND EGYPTIAN
MAJ GEN GAMASSY ARE SCHEDULED BEGIN NEW ROUND OF TALKS AT
KM 101 NOV 14 TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES CONNECTED WITH EXCHANGE
OF WAR PRISONERS AND CONTROL OF CAIRO-SUEZ HIGHWAY. PRESS
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REPORTS ISRAEL IS PREPARED TURN OVER TWO CHECKPOINTS ON THE
ROAD TO UN IF EGYPT HANDS OVER FULL LISTS ISRAELI POW'S.
ISRAEL SAYS IT HAS SUBMITTED NAMES OF EGYPTIAN POW'S TO
ICRC. YARIV IS EXPECTED STRESS THAT WHILE ISRAEL IS HAND-
ING OVER CHECKPOINTS TO UNEF, MILITARY CONTROL OF ROAD
RUNNING THROUGH ISRAELI HELD TERRITORY WILL REMAIN IN
ISRAELI HANDS.

2. POW EXCHANGE. PRESS REPORTS ICRC SPOKESMAN IN GENEVA
SAID EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR POW EXCHANGE LIKELY THURS,
NOV 15. RED CROSS PLANES WAITING IN CYPRUS TO FLY HOME

WOUNDED EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POWS.

3. BAB AL MANDEB BLOCKADE. ELEVEN SHIPS WERE REPORTED STEAMING FROM FAR EAST NOV 14 TOWARD RED SEA AND ISRAELI PORT OF EILAT AND WOULD REACH BAB AL MANDEB STRAITS IN FEW DAYS. SHIPS STRANDED AT EILAT SINCE WAR STARTED WERE ALSO REPORTED PREPARING SAIL TO TEST BLOCKADE. MEANWHILE, ALSO REPORTED PREPARING SAIL TO TEST BLOCKADE. MEANWHILE,

PRESS REPORTS PRES SADAT PAID QUICK SECRET VISIT TO PDRY LAST WEEKEND AND DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS IN ADEN QUESTION OF BAB AL MANDEB BLOCKADE AND ITS EFFECT ON ISRAEL.

4. PRESS COMMENT ON CEASEFIRE. EGYPTIAN PRESS REACTION REFLECTS INCREASED PESSIMISM ABOUT SETTLEMENT EFFORTS AS RESULT OF ISRAELI RESISTANCE TO UNEF ATTEMPT ESTABLISH CHECKPOINT ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD AND MRS MEIR'S REMARKS TO KNESSET THAT OCT 22 CEASEFIRE LINES NOT EXISTENT AND IDF WOULD NOT OPEN ROAD TO CANAL EAST BANK UNLESS POW EXCHANGE ARRANGED. PRESS COMMENTS THAT FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT SIX AGREED POINTS RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ISRAEL AND US POSITION AND EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE ON ALERT. PRESS CALLS FOR ARAB SUMMIT DUE TO BEGIN NOV 28 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR PREPARING FOR CONTINUED WAR RATHER THAN ONLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEACE.

5. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO PRESS PRES SADAT PAID QUICK VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FIVE DAYS AGO TO MEET WITH PRES TITO BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR VISIT TO MOSCOW. PRES SADAT'S SPECIAL ENVOY ZAYYAT LEFT BELGRADE
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NOV 14 FOR MOROCCO VIA PARIS. PRESS REPORTS ARAFAT POSTPONED TRIP TO MOSCOW AND RETURNED TO BEIRUT FROM DAMASCUS. ARAFAT SCHEDULED VISIT MOSCOW END THIS WEEK. KISSINGER

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